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SUBJECT: CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION (CWC): ASIAN GROUP  
CLOSER TO AGREEMENT ON NON-IRANIAN CANDIDATE FOR EXECUTIVE  
COUNCIL CHAIR

REF: A. STATE 17200 (NOTAL)  
[1](#)B. THE HAGUE 256 (NOTAL)

Classified By: Ambassador Eric M. Javits, U.S. Permanent Representative  
to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. Reasons:  
1.4 (B) and (D).

This is CWC-15-07.

[1](#)1. (C) On February 15, Malaysian Amb. Ariffin spoke with Amb. Javits and reported that Indian Amb. Sabharwal had expressed a strong desire to serve as the EC Chair. Ariffin said that South Korea and the Philippines will not compete, and absent some unforeseen development, the Asian Group candidate for the EC Chair will be India.

[1](#)2. (C) Later that day, Japanese Amb. Komachi reported to Amb. Javits that South Korean Amb. Choi may be having second thoughts and might wish to compete for the EC Chair. (Note: Amb. Javits will continue to discuss this issue with Asian Group Ambassadors. His recommendation is simply to let the Group continue its deliberations, which are on a good path. Either Amb. Sabharwal or Amb. Choi would be excellent in the Chair. Most important, there is no indication that anyone in

the Group wishes to give consideration to Iran as the candidate for EC Chair. End Note.)

13. (U) Javits sends.  
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